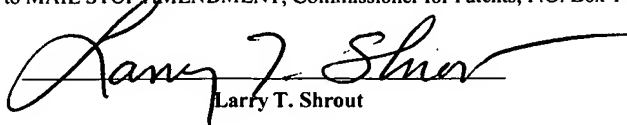




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PATENT APPLICATION

In re application of:)	Conf. No.: 7659
Donald G. Gibbons)	
Application No.: ¹⁰ 44/804,509)	Attorney Docket No.: RLC-88
Filed: December 22, 2004)	Group Art: 2832
For: SWITCHING MECHANISM WITH)	Examiner: Lee, K.
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AMENDMENT A

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated November 1, 2005, Applicants have provided herein arguments in support of the claims as originally filed and respectfully request a favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.